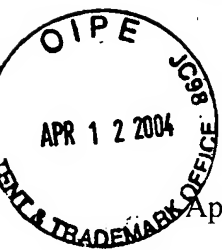


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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-111502, which was published on April 22, 1994, together with patent family member U.s. Patent No. 5,590,009 to ISHIDA, which issued on December 31, 1996;

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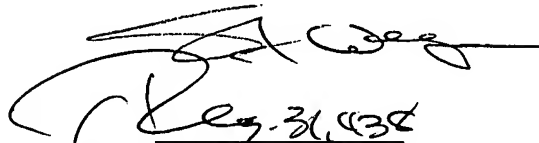
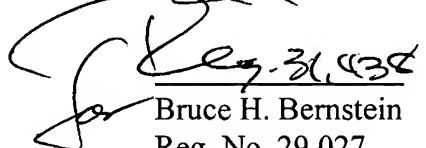
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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